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Location:

1. The new ministry building and the apartment blocks for its employees are on both sides of the Sovietskaya (Street?), about 2 km northeast of the main station in Minsk (53-50N, 27-35E), white Russian SSR. A small park is east of the apartment block.

### Construction data

2. The corner stone for the construction of the new ministry building was laid on 9 May 1946. After the bare structure was completed in the fall of 1947, a theater was constructed in the northern wing of the building.
3. The construction of new large apartment blocks on the site of destroyed buildings started in May 1948. The main building of this project was plastered and occupied by the fall of 1949. The neighboring apartment houses were still under construction.

For sketch see Annex.

Work force

4. Varying between 400 and 700 PWs; work was done in two shifts.

### Purpose of the construction

5. The building is for the Ministry of Interior of the White Russian SSR, and the apartments for its officers and officials. "MGB" (sic) was the widely known abbreviation given to the project.

Attachment: Ministry Building under Construction in Minsk

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